WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A charging system for charging a use fee for an application, comprising:

a first information processing device including preparation means for preparing a file by executing the application; and

a second information processing device including charging means for charging said application usee fee according to whether the file prepared by said first information processing device is subjected to an output process.

2. A system according to claim 1, wherein said output process is the printing process for said file, and said application use fee is determined according to the number of the printing process of said file.

3. A system according to claim 1, wherein said output process is a facsimile transmission process for said file, and said application use fee is determined according to the number transmitted by said facsimile transmission process.

4. A system according to claim 1, wherein said output process is an e-mail transmission process for said file, and said application use fee is determined

according to the data amount transmitted by said e-mail transmission process.

5.   A system according to claim 1, wherein said output process is a storage process for said file in another device, and said application use fee is determined according to the destination of storage of said file.

6.   A system according to claim 1, wherein said application use fee is determined according to a time zone in which the output process for said prepared file is executed.

7.   A system according to claim 1, wherein said application use fee is determined according to date and time at which the output process for said prepared file is executed.

8.   A system according to claim 1, wherein, in case a file is prepared with plural applications provided from a same application provider, said application use fee is discounted.

9.   A system according to claim 1, wherein said application use fee is determined according to the priority of the output process.

10.   A system according to claim 1, wherein said application use fee is determined according to the cumulative result of the output process for said file.

5   11.   An information processing apparatus comprising:

discrimination means for discriminating whether an output process is executed for a file prepared with an application; and

10   charging means for charging an application use fee based on the discrimination by said discrimination means.

12.   An apparatus according to claim 11,
15   wherein said charging means calculates said application use fee.

13.   An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said output process is a printing process for
20   said file, and said charging means calculates the application use fee based on the number of printing process of said file.

14.   An apparatus according to claim 12,
25   wherein said output process is a facsimile transmission process for said file, and said charging means calculates the application use fee based on the number

of transmissions in said facsimile transmission process
for said file.

15. An apparatus according to claim 12,
wherein said output process is an e-mail transmission
process for said file, and said charging means
calculates the application use fee based on the data
amount of the e-mail in said e-mail transmission
process for said file.

16. An apparatus according to claim 12,
wherein said output process is a storage process for
said file in another device, and said charging means
calculates the application use fee according to the
destination of storage of said file.

17. An apparatus according to claim 12,
wherein said application use fee is determined
according to a time zone in which the output process
for said generate file is executed.

18. An apparatus according to claim 12,
wherein said application use fee is determined
according to date and time at which the output process
for said generate file is executed.

19. An apparatus according to claim 12,

wherein, in case a file is prepared with plural

applications provided from a same application provider,

said application use fee is discounted.

5   20.   An apparatus according to claim 12,

wherein said application use fee is determined

according to the priority of the output process.

           21.   An apparatus according to claim 12,

10   wherein said application use fee is determined

according to the cumulative result of the output

process for said file.

           22.   A method for controlling an information

15   processing apparatus comprising:

           a discrimination step of discriminating whether

an output process is executed for a file prepared with

an application; and

           a charging step of charging an application use fee

20   based on the discrimination by said discrimination

means.

           23.   A computer readable memory medium storing

a program for controlling an information processing

25   apparatus, the program comprising:

           a discrimination code of discriminating whether

an output process is executed for a file prepared with

an application; and

a charging code of charging an application use fee based on the discrimination by said discrimination means.

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